

**MVMA Board of Directors**  
**MVMA Office, So, St. Paul, MN**  
**April 1, 2016, 1:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

David Fell, DVM  
Tim Krienke, DVM  
Matt Kruse, DVM  
Anna Ruelle, DVM  
Ginger Garlie, DVM  
Nancy Peterson, DVM  
Jim Winsor, DVM  
Nicole Neeser, DVM

Bill Hartmann, DVM  
Trevor Ames, DVM  
Matt Boyle, DVM  
Tom Hagerty, DVM

**Staff**

Dan Tjornehoj, Kelly Andrews

**I. Call to Order**

President Dr. Ginger Garlie called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. Dr. Garlie briefly reviewed the status of the MVMA's strategic plan developed at the December 2015 planning session. Next, the board reviewed the four goals associated with the strategic plan including 1. Government and Public Relations; 2. Professional Success; 3. Education; 4. Leadership. Dr. Ruelle discussed the work that she and Dr. Kruse had done regarding their Professional Success goal. Dr. Garlie indicated that she will consult with one of the strategic planning facilitators to obtain additional direction associated with developing strategic planning strategies, metrics and committee/council connections.

The board reviewed MVMA's current committee structure, transitioning some committees to councils or task forces. Dr. Neeser agreed to develop a council guidelines document similar to the committee guidelines document. A new Feline Council was identified as well as a Student Debt and Tuition Task Force will be added to the list of councils and task forces. A revised list of committees, councils and task forces will be developed and distributed to board members. The board reviewed and discussed board and officer job descriptions. This information will also be refined and distributed to board members for review.

**II. Minutes**

The minutes of the February 3, 2016 Board Meeting were distributed, reviewed and were approved.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Jim Winsor provided an overview of the financial statements that were distributed to members. He reviewed the current fiscal year financials, investments and highlighted certain items in the financials. He noted that the Finance Committee will be meeting in the spring to develop the 2016-17 budget. The board approved the financial report.

#### **IV. GAC Report**

Dr. Tom Hagerty updated board members on the current legislative session. He indicated that there is legislation pertaining to collection/disposal of legend drugs, animal abuse registry, funding for VDL, and outlaw CO2 chambers for euthanasia and large animal traps. He said this is an election year with over twenty members stepping down. He indicated that due to the abbreviated session that most of the bills introduced will not get a hearing in committee.

#### **V. U of M Dean's Report**

Dr. Ames said that the VDL has a new director, Dr. Jerry Torrison, who is replacing Dr. James Collins. He reported on school building progress, research funding updates and faculty news as part of his report. He did ask for the MVMA's support of current legislative VDL funding proposals. The board voted and approved sending Rep. Hamilton a letter of support for his two VDL bills that have been introduced.

#### **VI. Membership Report**

Staff provided a report on new members and delinquent members. The board voted and approved the new members and agreed to drop the delinquent members from the MVMA membership rolls.

#### **VII. AVMA Report**

Dr. Matt Boyle, MVMA alternate delegate, reported that Dr. Ron DeHaven is stepping down as AVMA head. Dr. Boyle invited board member input on whether Dr. DeHaven's replacement needs to be a DVM or not. He also sought input on the two AVMA president-elect candidates.

The remaining board meeting scheduled for 2016 include the following dates: July 13, Oct. 12, Dec. 9 and 10.

*Motion to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. was approved.*